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EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC REHABILITATION OF RWANDA

Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 50th plenary meeting, on 4 November 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Emergency assistance for the socio-economic rehabilitation of Rwanda" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 33rd to 35th, 42nd and 45th meetings, on 16 to 18 and 29 November and 6 December 1993. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/48/SR.33-35, 42 and 45). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 8 and 11 to 13 October (see A/C.2/48/SR.3-8).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/48/L.35

3. At the 42nd meeting, on 29 November, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of the African States, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Emergency assistance for the social and economic rehabilitation of Rwanda" (A/C.2/48/L.35). Subsequently, Belgium, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, El Salvador, Honduras and the Republic of Korea joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. In the course of his statement, the representative of Algeria orally revised the draft resolutions as follows:

(a) Wherever the words "social and economic rehabilitation" appeared, they were replaced with the words "socio-economic rehabilitation";

(b) In operative paragraph 5, the word "materialization" was replaced with the word "completion".

4. At the 45th meeting, on 6 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski (Poland), made a statement in which he informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and orally revised it as follows:

(a) A seventh preambular paragraph was added to read as follows:

"Noting the recent large-scale inflow of refugees from Burundi into Rwanda,";

(b) In operative paragraphs 2, 4 and 5, the words "Member States" were replaced with the words "all States".

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.35, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

6. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Emergency assistance for the socio-economic rehabilitation of Rwanda

The General Assembly,

Recalling Security Council resolutions 812 (1993) of 12 March 1993 and 846 (1993) of 22 June 1993 on the situation in Rwanda,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 872 (1993) of 5 October 1993 in which it urged Member States, United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations to provide and intensify their economic, financial and humanitarian assistance in favour of the Rwandese population and of the democratization process in Rwanda,

Noting with satisfaction the signing, on 4 August 1993 at Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, of the Peace Agreement between the Government of Rwanda and the Rwandese Patriotic Front, which put an end to the armed conflict,

Taking into account the serious consequences of the breakdown of the national economy and the destruction of important social, economic and administrative infrastructures in the areas affected by the war, as well as the imperious necessity to satisfy the needs of the displaced persons and the refugees,

Taking into consideration the fact that the implementation of the Arusha Peace Agreement would create favourable conditions for the socio-economic rehabilitation of Rwanda,

Taking also into consideration the fact that the insufficiency of economic and financial resources of Rwanda requires the assistance of the international community in order to enable the implementation of the Arusha Peace Agreement,

Noting the recent large-scale inflow of refugees from Burundi into Rwanda,

1. Calls upon all parties to do their utmost to achieve the full and effective implementation of the Arusha Peace Agreement and national reconciliation goals, thus creating conditions conducive to the socio-economic rehabilitation of the country;

2. Expresses its appreciation to all States, United Nations organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for the emergency humanitarian assistance rendered to Rwanda since the beginning of hostilities;

3. Welcomes the United Nations Consolidated Inter-agency Appeal for Rwanda, launched in April 1993 by the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat in favour of displaced persons in Rwanda; 1/

4. Urges all States, United Nations organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to intensify, in favour of Rwanda, economic, financial, material and technical assistance in order to encourage the process of rehabilitation and sustained development, especially by raising its economy, rebuilding and rehabilitating various infrastructures destroyed by the war;

5. Invites all States, United Nations organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide to Rwanda adequate assistance for the settlement of displaced persons and the repatriation of refugees, the demobilization of soldiers and reintegration of demobilized soldiers in civil life, the clearance of mines and the completion of the democratic process;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to support with all possible assistance the consolidation of peace in Rwanda and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Emergency assistance for the socio-economic rehabilitation of Rwanda".

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